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Dear WCDP Provider:

Effective January 26, 2004, the Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program (WCDP) will accept federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant claims for the X12 837 Institutional and Professional transactions. Although WCDP will continue to accept paper claims, we encourage providers to submit WCDP claims electronically.

The companion documents for the X12 837 Institutional and Professional transactions are now available from WCDP. These companion documents provide specific information that should be used with the National HIPAA-mandated Implementation Guides. The Implementation Guide defines the electronic format and values for each data element within an electronic transaction.

The X12 837 companion documents provide information on WCDP's requirements for these transactions. The WCDP companion documents for the federal HIPAA-837 Institutional and Professional transactions are now available on the WCDP website at www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/wcdp.

Effective July 1, 2004, WCDP will *only* accept electronic HIPAA-compliant 837 transactions, which means it will no longer accept claims submitted via WCDP proprietary EMC software or magnetic media tape.

For information on or to receive a Trading Partner Agreement, contact the Division of Health Care Financing Electronic Data Interchange Department at (608) 221-9036.

Act 33, the 2003-05 budget bill established a new requirement for the Chronic Renal Disease Program. Effective July 1, 2004, providers must accept payment from the Department of Health and Family Services as payment in full. Providers are prohibited from billing a patient for any amount by which the charge for a service exceeds the amount provided by the Department. Act 33 also established a co-payment increase for prescription drugs in all three programs of WCDP. Effective July 1, 2004, the co-payment amount is \$7.50 for each generic drug and \$15.00 for each brand name drug.

Sincerely,

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